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Subject: Comments on CAPX2020 Rochester project

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Dear Stephanie Strength,

I hope it's not too late for this. The rural coop newsletter said that we had until July 27th to make comments.

My husband and I live at 5009 Viola Road NE, which is just west of County 11 and just south of County 2

We and are opposed to route B46, which will run just west of our property. We have talked to a number of our neighbors and feel that they are opposed to this too. We are opposed because:

1. We feel it is too close to a lot of homes that are currently along this section line.

I-214-001 2. We have heard that a power line of this size this near to homes results in a devaluation of the properties.

I-214-002 3. We have heard that being this close to this large voltage is a concern for both health and for problems in homes, barns and businesses with stray voltage that the property owner then has to deal with.

I-214-005 4. It degrades the country look of the area.

I-214-003 5. It is right next to the new Quest DSL box which was recently installed on our property and we are concerned that this would interfere with the phone and internet services.

I-214-004 We would prefer route B120, as this seems to go behind a lot of the properties in the area and so keeps the line farther away from the homes. Even this route though seems very close to homes.

Otherwise, if this power line is not a problem near homes, then we don't understand why it doesn't go down the B47 route, since this is County 11 and would probably be the easiest road to use to service the line.

Sincerely yours,

Mike and Cathy Nordstrom

I-214-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-214-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to stray voltage will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-214-003

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-214-004

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-214-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.